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CURRENT TOPICS.

Horses in their wild state live to the age of 36 normally.

The Boston poor department expended last year \$178,430.

The muscles of the human jaw exert a force of 534 pounds.

A ten-story office building is to be erected in Birmingham, Ala.

A big portion of the Georgia fruit crop is to be canned this year.

The citizens of Calhoun, Ga., have subscribed \$100,000 for a cotton mill.

A sign outside a Lombard street (Philadelphia) restaurant reads: "Pigs in China, Walk in."

In China, twelve miles from Lion Chek, there is a mountain of alum, which yields 100 tons yearly.

In 1870 there were 9,000 Shakers in the United States. At present they do not number more than 100.

The catalogue of the Paris exposition contains the names of nearly 50,000 exhibitors of all nations.

According to the School Review only 41.51 per cent. of the pupils in American high schools are boys.

Louise Chandler Moulton, the poet, has just sailed for Europe, where she will spend the summer in travel.

In Kansas it is proposed to start a magazine which shall be contributed to only by residents of Kansas.

The aging of timber, which formerly required long storage, is now completed by electricity in a few hours.

Twelve dollars and thirty cents is the annual allowance of 7,051 pensioners of the state of South Carolina.

Lord Roberts has been in the British army for forty-nine years, having started in the service when he was twenty years old.

The franchisees of nearly 1,000 corporations in Texas have been revoked recently because of their failure to pay the state taxes.

The British government expects a drought in India about twice in every nine years—and a great famine like the present about twice a century.

In Indiana there are 14,903 miles of telephone and telegraph wires, valued for taxation at \$4,695,650, and 6,399 miles of railway, assessed at \$153,659,248.

A Pennsylvania man has patented a form of jug that allows its contents to flow out quietly, without any sound of gurgling. The handle is hollow.

Stephen Crane used to do nearly all his writing very late at night, frequently working until 8 or 9 o'clock and then sleeping for six or eight hours.

As there is very little cold weather in Mexico, no necessity exists for laying in winter stores of honey, and the bees is, therefore, as lazy as a grass-hopper.

There were 1,057,938 acres seeded to sugar beets in Germany last year. The yield is about eleven and a quarter tons per acre of beets, containing 1.7 per cent. of sugar.

Li Hung Chang maintains at his own expense a force of 3,000 soldiers as a bodyguard. They are no part of the Chinese army and are the best paid soldiers in the empire.

American lamb sells in Singapore at 24 cents a pound in ten-pound cans. American canned fruits, vegetables and meats, as well as American bugles, are also sold there.

Cups and saucers are never used for tea anywhere in Russia. The teacup is an unknown article. The drinking vessel for tea is the "atikan," a glass tumbler in a silver holder. No Russian ever drinks milk in his tea.

Brazil has practically a monopoly of the carbonado or black diamond, which is used in diamond drills and for other abrasive purposes. It is found in Cape Colony and some other places, but is commercially important only in Brazil.

The number of Mohammedans has been estimated at 196,500,000. Of these 18,000,000 are under the rule of the Turkish government, 23,000,000 are ruled by other Musselman sovereigns, 26,500,000 are subject to African princes, 20,000,000 live in China, and 99,000,000 are under other rulers. Of these last about 58,000,000 belong to India and Beloochistan.

Mrs. Kruger says in an interview that she has fifty-three relatives in the field in the Boer war—four sons, six sons-in-law and forty-three grandsons.

The king of Siam is very anxious to visit the United States, and will probably come to this country within the next year in one of the vessels of his own navy.

The Celestial Empire, a weekly paper, published in Shanghai, is a perfect mirror of Eastern affairs, and exercises a tremendous influence on the other side of the world, although almost unknown in America.

THE PRIDE OF THE NAVY

Rocks Pierce Holes Through the Bottom and Sides of the Oregon.

The Zafiro, at Che-Foo, Has Been Sent to Her Assistance—The Iris Will Assist—The Ship to Be Lightened.

Washington, July 1.—The following dispatches were received at the navy department Saturday morning relative to the grounding of the Oregon: "Che-Foo, June 29.—Secretary of Navy: Anchored yesterday, dense fog, in 17 fathoms, three miles south of How Ke light, gulf of Pe Chi Li. Sent out two boats and sounded. Least water 5 1/2 fathoms. Weather clear. Got under way and struck pinnacle rock. Much water in forward compartment. Perfect smooth. Shall charter steamer if possible at Che-Foo and lighten the ship. Rock through side of ship above double bottom, about frame 19. Small holes through bottom of ship. "WILDE." "Che-Foo, June 29.—Secretary Navy, Washington: Iris gone to the assistance of the Oregon. "RAYMOND ROGERS," "Commanding Nashville." "Hong-Kong, June 29.—Secretary Navy, Washington: Princeton arrived. Brooklyn leaves for Nagasaki. The Zafiro, at Che-Foo, has been sent to assist Oregon, reported by Rogers on a rock south How Ke light. Iris going to her assistance. "REMEY."

Washington, July 1.—Pinnacle rock, where the Oregon ran aground, is about 25 feet high, and lies three and two thirds miles south of How Ke island, and about a mile and a quarter n. e. of the island of Sao Lai Shan. The rock is encircled by a shoal, and should not be approached nearer than three cables. According to the hydrographic bureau officials, there is a strong current from three to five knots speed always prevalent in this vicinity, and this fact, together with the dense fog that prevailed at the time, greatly enhanced the danger in navigating the Oregon. The officials of the naval hydrographers' office say there is a great rise and fall of the tide at this point (about ten feet), and it is possible that the Oregon may be lifted off in this way and set afloat without assistance. Capt. Wilde's statement of the injuries sustained by the Oregon is scarcely sufficient to enable the naval constructors here to form a definite opinion as to the prospects of saving the famous ship. They say, however, the ship probably can be saved if the weather does not become rough, but, unfortunately, this is the season of storms in Chinese waters.

Washington, July 2.—The navy department has received no further news of the battle ship Oregon, aground off the Chinese coast.

GEN. JOSEPH WHEELER.

The New Commander of the Department of the Lakes Formally Welcomed to Chicago.

Chicago, July 1.—Gen. Joseph Wheeler, the new commandant of the department of the lakes, was Saturday formally welcomed to Chicago at a public reception. Gen. Wheeler, accompanied by his daughters and the members of his staff, with their families.



GEN. JOSEPH WHEELER. (Newly-Appointed Commander of the Department of the Lakes.)

Gen. Wheeler was escorted by a battalion of the 1st Illinois regiment, to the 1st regiment armory, where Mayor Harrison delivered an address of welcome. Gen. Wheeler was cheered enthusiastically when he rose to respond to the mayor.

Words Were Prophetic. Shelbyville, Ind., July 1.—At St. Paul Albert Metzler, disobeying his mother, procured his father's revolver and was cleaning it. Just as his parent remarked: "Albert, you are determined to kill yourself," the weapon was discharged. The bullet entered the child's right eye and he fell back dead.

Used a Crowbar. Gallipoli, O., July 2.—Robbers entered Clark Bros' store at Athalia and pried the safe open with crowbars. They secured \$150 and a quantity of goods.

Wool Trade Dull in London. London, July 2.—Last week in the wool trade was dull and inactive, being depressed by the pending auction sales, which are expected to open flat and lower. The offerings for the week are 41,550 bales, and closes with the arrivals of June 28.

Four Persons Drowned. Boston, July 2.—Four persons of a fishing party of eight were drowned in the harbor by the overturning of a 23-foot catboat. The drowned are John Colson, Wm. D. Ingwell, Harry Neal and Walter Loud.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Vice Presidency Is an Open Contest So Far, With No One Particularly in the Lead—Names of the Candidates.

Kansas City, Mo., July 2.—Three noteworthy events stood out above the mass of detail marking the approach of the democratic national convention—the arrival of David R. Hill from New York and his departure for Lincoln in response to a telegraphic summons from Mr. Bryan; the conference of Chairman Jones, of the national committee with Mr. Croker, ex-Senator Murphy and other influential leaders concerning the platform, and the first serious consideration by the convention leaders of a plan to reach such an understanding on the platform that the way will be open to nominate Mr. Bryan for the presidency on July 4.

The leaders are losing no time, however, in making their preparations. But it is noticeable that this is not a gathering of leaders in the accepted sense. On the contrary, this is quite democratic, and one hears frequently and proudly the remark that in this convention the delegates representing the people will frame the platform and name the candidates. The conspicuous men here—Jones, Hill, Croker and Murphy—are not exerting any powerful hand in affairs.

Most of the members of the executive committee are here, including Chairman Jones, Vice Chairman Johnson, ex-Gov. Stone, of Missouri; J. M. Giffey, of Pittsburgh, and George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, and they hold frequent meetings to determine upon formal features of the convention proceedings.

Kansas City, Mo., July 2.—The democratic vice presidential nomination is still far anybody—that is, anybody who can reach it. Here is a list to choose from: Wm. Sulzer, David R. Hill, Elliott Danforth, Judge A. B. Parker, of New York; Benjamin F. Shively, Indiana; Charles A. Tamm, Minnesota; Carter H. Harrison, Illinois; James Hamilton Lewis, Tennessee; Robert A. Patterson, Pennsylvania; Arthur P. Gorman, Maryland; D. J. Campau, Michigan; David S. Rose, Wisconsin; David Overmeyer, Kansas; Wm. J. Stone, Missouri; George Fred Williams, Massachusetts.

Kansas City, Mo., July 2.—The platform to be adopted by the democratic national convention will contain a declaration for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, unless Mr. Bryan changes his attitude, and such fresh arrival from Lincoln brings renewed assurances that the foreordained nominee of the convention is maintaining his position in favor of the declaration.

M'KINLEYS AT HOME.

The President and Mrs. McKinley Pass a Very Quiet Day in Canton.

Canton, O., July 2.—President McKinley spent a quiet and restful day almost entirely at his home in North Market street. The weather was delightful, many degrees cooler than prevailed in Washington for some weeks prior to the start for Canton, and in this respect at least no seaside possesses attractions superior to Canton for a quiet vacation. During the heat of the day the greatest comfort was found on the shady porch, and there the president acknowledged the greetings of many of his old friends and acquaintances, who drove or walked past the house. But as the sun sank in the west a warmer place was sought, and Mr. McKinley took a veritable sun bath just before dinner from a rustic seat on his lawn, the while enjoying one of his favorite fragrant cigars.

He went to morning services at the First M. E. church. Dr. Rixey accompanied him, and they walked from the house, a distance of about half a mile. There was nothing special in the service, the pastor, Rev. Dr. E. Manchester, who was a member of McKinley's regiment in the civil war, only making the usual reference to the president in his prayer of asking divine guidance of the president in all of his official acts.

The dinner in the evening was partaken of by members of the Barbour family in addition to the regular household, Mrs. Harber being a sister of Mrs. McKinley. During the afternoon the president and Mrs. McKinley went for a little drive about the city. Judge Day, former secretary of state, called during the day and spent some time in friendly conversation with the president. Many other friends and neighbors called during the afternoon and evening.

The notification to the president of his nomination is to occur July 12, and that date is being looked forward to as the time of a notable gathering. Detailed arrangements have not yet been commenced.

The president, it is expected now, will take no further part in the Fourth of July demonstration than to review the town parade and the dedicatory ceremonies at the cannon and monument.

Havana's Mayor Inaugurated. Havana, July 2.—At no time since the American occupancy of Cuba has Havana shown such scenes of enthusiasm and excitement as were witnessed upon the occasion of the inauguration of Gen. Alejandro Rodriguez, the first Cuban elected mayor.

Troops Sent to Quiet Indians. Duluth, Minn., July 2.—Company A, 3d regiment, M. N. G., left here on a special train under orders from Gov. Lind to proceed to the scene of the Indian uprising in the Rainy lake region.

ONE MINISTER KILLED.

It is Certain That Germany's Representative at Peking Perished.

One Report Is That the Public Execution of Foreigners Has Been in Progress Since June 20—Position Desperate.

London, July 2.—Official dispatches received by the consular body at Shanghai, an Express cable dated Shanghai, July 1, says, confirm in the fullest manner the report of the butchery of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister, on June 18. The ambassador was riding on Legation street, when he was attacked by Chinese troops and Boxers, dragged from his horse and killed. His body was hacked to pieces with swords. The German legation and six other buildings were burned, and a number of servants of the legations were killed and bodies thrown into the flames.

Official confirmation of this ghastly business has created the utmost consternation among the consuls general of the powers, who express fears that a rupture will be declared against the Peking government. The consuls entertain little hope that any foreigners are left alive in the capital. There were 10 foreigners connected with the legations, 50 in the custom house, English and American tourists and others to the number of 150 and nearly 500 legation guards.

A dispatch to the Express from Nanking, June 30, says: "French priests here have received reports from Peking that the public execution of foreigners has been in progress since June 20. The news comes by runners from French priests at Peking, who state that they administered the last rites to the condemned men."

Nanking cables dated Sunday say that Viceroy Liu Yuh Yih received a telegram from Gen. Yulu on Saturday stating that the German minister had been murdered at Peking. Yulu, who escaped from Tien-Tsin to Pao Ting Fu, also wired: "Position desperate. Implore your help. Foreign troops of eight nationalities entering Peking to the number of 30,000 or 40,000. I can not hold out four days."

Liu Yuh Yih has received this from the viceroy of Yung Shi Kai: "Foreign troops victorious at Tien-Tsin. They will enter Peking immediately." Washington, July 2.—The following message was received at the navy department from Consul Rogers, at Che-Foo:

"Following telegram from Kempff, casualties relief expedition, June 25: "Killed—Boatswain's Mate Thomas, Gunner's Mate Benson, Apprentice Brown and Landsman Severson. "Wounded—Boatswain's Mate Holyoke, Machinist Handford, Landsman Kelly, Cadet Tausig, Capt. McCalla, Fireman Rowe, Landsman Garity, Coxswain Ryan, Quartermaster Conway, Coxswain McClay, Fireman Flaherty, Seaman Lloyd, Child, Anderson, Jansen, Bolmuller and McKervy, Coxswain Thomas Lindholm, Apprentices Johnson, Rasmussen and Welch, Private Orloff."

The department has been informed that the Princeton has arrived at Canton. Coxswain McClay's name could not be found on the rolls. Possibly he had been transferred from some other ship since the rolls were returned. The name McKervy also is not to be found on the rolls. The records of the killed as shown at the navy department are as follows:

Thomas Thomas, enlisted at Mare Island in 1899. He was born in Copenhagen in 1860. His next of kin is Mrs. T. Launigan, of 603 South Front street, Philadelphia.

Benjamin Benson was born in Mandahl, Norway, in 1874. Next of kin Mrs. Anna Benson, mother, living at Mandahl, Norway.

Harry A. Brown was born in Duluth, Minn., in 1882. Next of kin Ida M. Brown, mother, living at 1427 West Superior street, Duluth.

Harry Severson was born in Norway in 1878 and enlisted at Chicago. Next of kin Laurence Severson, father, living at 1034 Wabasha avenue, Chicago.

Washington, July 2.—Two important cablegrams were received by Secretary Hay from United States Consul Goodnow, at Shanghai. The text is withheld, but the consuls states in substance as follows:

"It is rumored in Shanghai that the German minister to Peking, Baron von Ketteler, was killed at Peking on the 18th of June. On the 23d of June three of the legation buildings were still standing; the others had been burned. On the 24th of June a dispatch was received at Shanghai from Yung Lu (believed to be the viceroy of the province of Chile, where the principal troubles have occurred), stating that the other ministers were safe."

"Dispatches to Shanghai from different sources indicate that Prince Tuan, father of the heir apparent, seems to be absolutely in control at Peking, and that his attitude is the worst possible and most hostile to foreigners. It is even said that he issued an edict as far back as the 20th of June ordering all of the viceroys to attack the foreigners in their respective provinces—an order which has so far not been obeyed."

Rome, July 2.—The commander of the cruiser Elba telegraphs from Taku June 30 as follows: "Advices from the German legation in Peking state that all the legation buildings have been burned except those of England, France and Germany. All the members of the diplomatic corps have taken refuge in the British legation."

FIRE IN PITTSBURGH.

One Fireman Killed, Seven Others Injured and Nearly \$300,000 of Property Burned.

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 30.—One fireman was killed and seven others injured and nearly \$300,000 worth of property was destroyed in a fire that broke out in the machine-shop of the West Manufacturing Co., on 25th street, shortly after 6 o'clock Friday morning.

The fire was discovered at 6:16 and the flames spread so rapidly that in less than a half hour the entire plant, four stories high and 100 feet square, was burning and it was feared that adjoining property would go. Three districts of the fire department were quickly on the ground, however, and by hard work the fire was kept within the original limits. By 7:30 o'clock the large structure was in ruins. The firemen were injured by falling walls.

The property destroyed was valued at \$200,000, and the stock of patterns and machinery probably \$100,000 more. Many of the patterns can not be replaced.

The company manufactured pipe fittings and valves. At 9 o'clock the fire was under control.

BATTLESHIP ALABAMA.

She Will Not Be Ready to Start on Her Trial Trip Before the First of August.

Philadelphia, June 30.—Work on the construction of the sheathed cruiser Denver has been begun. Ninety per cent. of the material to be used in the cruiser is already in the yard.

The six cruisers of the Denver class will be 17 knot boats, and her chief peculiarity is that they will be sheathed with yellow pine and coppered. The advantage of this construction is that the vessels will not have to be docked so often.

The battleship Alabama, approaching completion in the Cramps' yard, will not be ready to start on her trial trip before August 1. All of her armor is now in the yard. The large guns are still to be put in place, and until this is done the turret tops can not be completed. Officers who will be assigned to the Alabama are anxious to have her completed, in view of the possibility of stirring times ahead in China.

EXECUTION IN WASHINGTON.

Benj. Hill Snell Hanged for the Murder of Thirteen-Year-Old Lizzie Wiesenberger.

Washington, June 30.—Benj. Hill Snell, 44 years old, formerly a clerk in the pension office, was hanged at the District jail at noon Friday for the murder of 13-year-old Lizzie Wiesenberger, who was employed at his home, and with whom he was infatuated. Snell was the largest man ever executed here. When he was received at the jail August 7 last, he weighed 236 pounds, and measured 6 feet 6 inches in height. When led to the scaffold Friday his weight was 237 pounds. Notwithstanding that the drop was considerably lessened on account of his size, the rope nearly severed the murderer's head from his body.

Farmers Object to the Dam.

Altova, Pa., June 30.—Farmers of the Quemahoning valley are armed and guarding a point that has been selected by the Cambria Steel Co. for the erection of a dam four miles long and having a depth of 75 feet at the breast. The farmers declare the dam will be a menace to public safety and decrease the value of their lands. The property owners below the proposed dam claim they will be in constant danger of a repetition of the Johnstown flood. The clash between the city engineers and the farmers is expected at any time.

Testing Yellow Fever Serum.

City of Mexico, June 30.—David Patrick, an American yellow fever patient in the American hospital in this city, is greatly improved after another injection of Brazilian fever serum. The government, which has authorized a rigid investigation of Dr. Bellinghaz's remedy, regards Patrick's case as of great importance. The serum will be thoroughly tried at Vera Cruz in the presence of a committee of famous physicians and army doctors.

Fatal Land Slide.

Decatur, Ala., June 30.—A landslide, resulting in the death of several men, occurred at Hartsell Hill, 13 miles below Decatur, on the L. & N. railroad. Laborers were engaged in placing rock to prevent a landslide when a large quantity of earth came down entrapping a number of men who were caught in quicksand. It is known that at least three men, one Negro and two whites, were killed, and it is thought several others shared the same fate.

Prominent Southern Man Dead.

Marietta, Ga., June 30.—Col. L. N. Trammell, president of the Georgia railroad commission, and prominent in public life in the south, died at his home at this place Friday.

Departure of the Boer Envoys.

New York, June 29.—The Boer envoys, Jules Cambon, ambassador of France to the United States, Bourke Cockran and Prof. Adolph Cohn, of Columbia college, were among the passengers who sailed in the cabin of the French line steamship L'Aquitaine.

Died of Dropsy.

San Francisco, June 29.—Capt. Arthur Magill, for twenty years manager on the Pacific coast of the Phoenix and Home Insurance Co., is dead in this city from dropsy.

One Woman's Letter

SAYS

"I doctored with two of the best doctors in the city for two years and had no relief until I used the Pinkham remedies."

"My trouble was ulceration of the uterus. I suffered terribly, could not sleep nights and thought sometimes that death would be such a relief."

"To-day I am a well woman, able to do my own work, and have not a pain."

"I used four bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and three packages of Sanative Wash and cannot praise the medicines enough."—MRS. ELIZA THOMAS, 634 Pine St., Easton, Pa.

Mrs. Pinkham advises suffering women without charge.

Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co., Lynn, Mass.

JOKE GAINED HIS POINT.

A Michigan Statesman's Clever Ruse Worked on a Committee on Pensions.

Not long ago Congressman "Hank" Smith, of the Second Michigan district, worked a joke off on the house committee on pensions. It should be explained, says the Chicago Chronicle, that this committee is not the one which has charge of the pensions which grew out of the civil war, says a correspondent. Its functions appertain to the granting of pensions to the widows and veterans of the Mexican and Black Hawk wars and other ancient unpopularity. It should also be pointed out that one of its rules is that no widow's pension shall be larger than \$8 a month. This proceeds upon the theory that any widow who survives a veteran of these wars must be a comparatively young woman and that she must have married the veteran in his dotage to get his pension. The new member from Michigan appeared before the committee at its last meeting and in an incidental and smiling way alluded to the rule.

"That is a fine rule," said he in a guileless sort of way. "I sympathize with its purpose and believe it should stand. But just to show good faith I am going to get his pension. I move that it be amended so as to read 'except in the case of widows over 100 years of age.'"

The members of the committee are always in favor of a joke and the proposition was adopted with a unanimous laugh. And thereupon "Hank" produced from his pocket a bill to grant a pension of \$12 a month to Mrs. Hixon, of Clinton, Mich. She had just passed her one hundredth year. It was not necessary to explain that her husband had served to within one day of the time requisite to get a pension in the regular manner. The committee reported the bill favorably.

Hurt Him Professionally. A New York barkeeper who was spending his vacation in Maine found himself one evening in a hotel in Portland. While he lingered a terrible storm took place. The windows of the room in which he was sitting were broken by hailstones "almost as big as eggs." The proprietor of the hotel noticed that the barkeeper turned aside to drop a tear.

"Does the storm scare you?" he ventured to ask his guest. "It isn't that," replied the barkeeper, "but I can't bear to see so much cracked ice wasted in a prohibition state."—N. Y. Mail and Express.

Time Wasted. It is said of a certain learned man that he spent half his lifetime acquiring fluency in ten different languages, and then went and married a wife who never gives him a chance to get a word in edgeways.—Tit-Bits.

"Fine show," remarked the first-nighter at the close of the new comic opera. "The comic fisherman was a realistic character, don't you think?" "No, I don't," replied the amateur angler, "his lines were too catchy."—Philadelphia Press.

In spite of the fact that the varieties of stamps now current in the world number 13,811, every now and then another small boy starts in to make a complete collection.—Somerville Journal.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY.

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Carter's Little Liver Pills.

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Very small and as easy to take as sugar.

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